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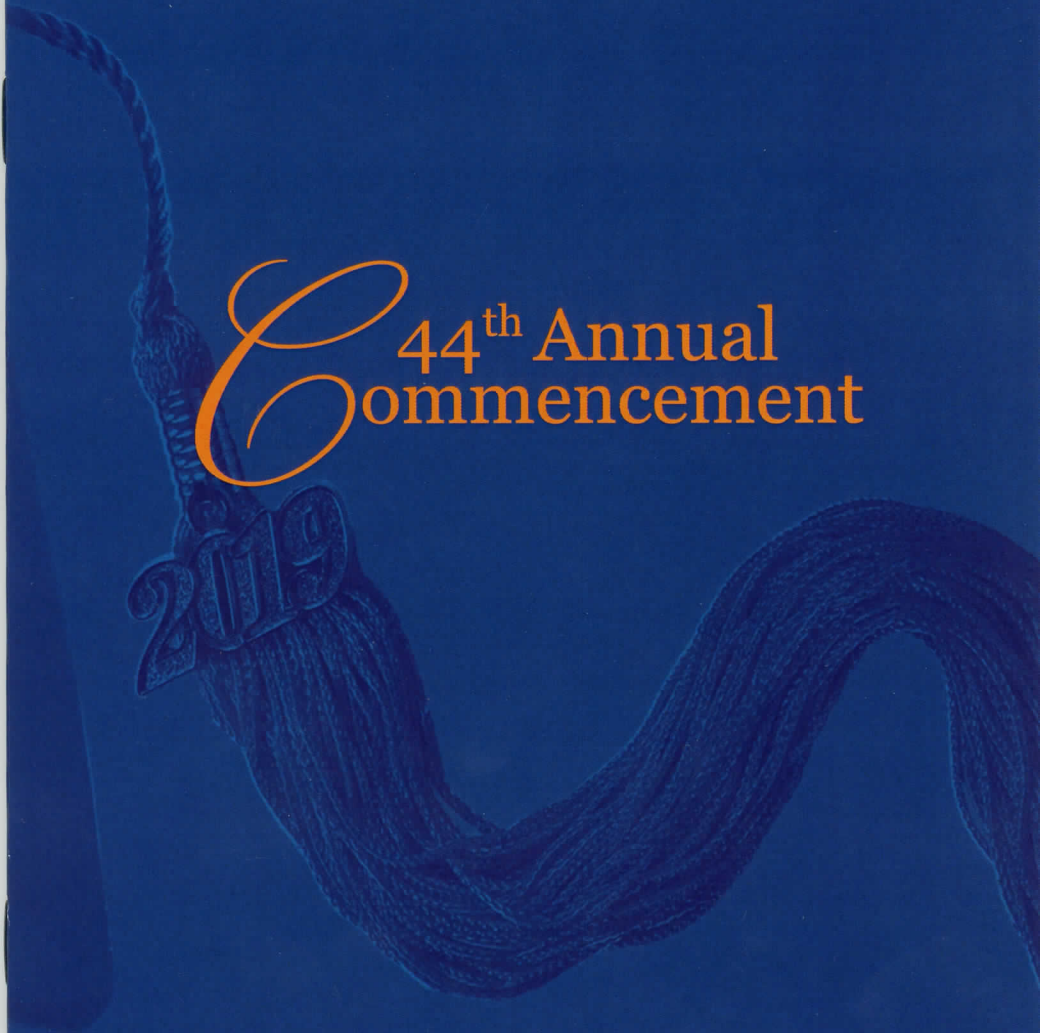

44th Annual Commencement

Friday, May 17, 2019
One O'Clock P.M.
Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center

The National Anthem

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key
1779 - 1843

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

James Weldon Johnson
1871 - 1938

Program

Prelude

Processional
Richard Eells, Professor, Department of Mathematics
Job Corps Color Guard

National Anthem
Lift Every Voice and Sing
Carrie Lee, Vocalist

Graduates' Greetings from Around the World
Irene Oliveira, Cape Verdean Creole
Fabiola Guerrier, French
Francisco Celestin, Haitian Creole
Carla Braga, Portuguese
David Laurel, Spanish
Oluyinka Aduloju, Yoruba

Greetings from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education
James Peyser, Secretary of Education

Introduction of Student Speaker
Amanda Fernandez, Trustee

Student Address
Gabriela Tarantini, Biological Science

Musical Selection
Carrie Lee, Vocalist

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker
Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Commencement Address
Mayra Leith, Class of 1985

Authorization by the Board of Trustees
Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Degrees and Certificates
Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees
Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Recessional
The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional until all graduates have left the arena.

Message from the President

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson

At Roxbury Community College, the faculty and staff take great pride in preparing you, both inside and outside the classroom, to successfully complete your studies. Furthermore, we have a firm commitment to equipping you with the knowledge and skills needed for future success. Your future is truly our focus; and, as you prepare to walk across the stage and receive your hard-earned degree, I know that you are prepared to succeed in next chapter of your studies or your career.

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new phase of your life, a phase filled with new opportunities, experiences and growth. As you move forward, take the time to look back and remember today fondly. As I reflect on the accomplishments of the Class of 2019—too numerous to list here—I am both amazed and proud. I hope that you cherish the memories you made at Roxbury Community College and that you use the totality of what you've learned here for years to come.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2019.

I wish each of you the very best, and I know that you will be successful in your future endeavors. In closing, I ask all of you to stay in touch with your RCC family – we can't wait to hear more about what your future holds.

Sincerely,

Valerie R. Roberson

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Commencement Speaker

Mrs. Mayra Leith

Mrs. Leith attended and graduated from Roxbury Community College with an Associate of Arts, with a minor in communication. Mrs. Leith remembers her time as a student playing for the RCC Expressettes, now known as the Lady Tigers. Additionally, Mrs. Leith was elected as the first Hispanic Student Government President during her time at RCC. After graduating, she returned to serve as the Alumni President, then later as a member of the Board of Trustees.

While raising a family and working full time, Mrs. Leith continued her academic journey, attaining her postsecondary degree and certifications from Northeastern University School of Health and Human Services, then later a Master's degree in Management from Cambridge College. Mrs. Leith currently works for UHM properties, as Co-Director of Resident Services here in Boston. Mrs. Leith enjoys life at every turn and is grateful for each moment it brings. Never forgetting, she gives homage to those that have shown her love, leadership, and guidance along the way.

Note to graduating class:

Congratulations class of 2019 and thank you for the honor and opportunity of representing the alumni of Roxbury Community College.

Commencement Color Guard

Job Corps

Job Corps is a federally-funded comprehensive program that provides essential academic and career skills training and prepares students for success in every aspect of their lives. Established in 1964, Job Corps helps young people aged 16-24 years to complete their high school education and participate in training for meaningful careers. Participants are provided room and board and a stipend while they work toward learning a trade for up to two years. Approximately 90% of Job Corps graduates move into careers in the private sector, serve in the military or matriculate into higher education. Roxbury Community College is proud to be recognized as a Job Corps partner organization.

Class of 2019

Honors
GPA range: 3.00 - 3.49

High Honors
GPA range: 3.50 - 3.75

Highest Honors
GPA range: 3.76 - 4.00

Honors Program
Students who have fulfilled the Honors Program have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.3 and have completed three or more Honors courses.

* = *Honors*
** = *High Honors*
*** = *Highest Honors*
 = *Honors Program*

The Registrar of Roxbury Community College maintains the official list of all graduates and honor designations. This program is only for ceremonial purposes.

Associate of Arts

Adekemi Rebecca Adebanjo*
Health Careers

David Christopher Adrien
Visual Arts

Oluyinka Ifeoluwa Aduloju***
Health Careers

Josephine Esi Agamah*
Biological Science

Kenneth O. Agbonghagbonse**
Health Careers

Anthonia Oloseng Akpe*
Liberal Arts

Carmen Alajjouri
Biological Science

Victoria Simeon Anaka
Health Careers

Pascale M. Anselme**
Social Science

Sandra Antoine
Health Careers

Torri L. Asbury*
Health Careers

Pietra S. Baker*
Health Careers

Aminata Balde*
Health Careers

Ebony D. Baptista
Business Administration

Jaronica Barbosa*
Liberal Arts

Eddie Barreto
Business Administration

Jessica Batista
Liberal Arts

Samantha Bazile
Biological Science

Nikkia L. Bell*
Business Administration

Akilah A. Bell
Liberal Arts

Roudy Benjamin*
Health Careers

Edy Berret
Business Administration

Dakota Marie Billops-Breaux
Social Science

Naeemah Shantay Blount
Liberal Arts

Ghislene Bouquet**
Health Careers

Faith Angella Boyd-Mutinga***
Biological Science

Jazmarel Latiesha Brinson
Social Science

Tori A. Catron
Health Careers

Karen Jordyn Cazeau
Business Administration

Francisco Celestin*
Health Careers

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Health Careers

Stephan I. Chataigne*
Health Careers

Kayiba Miryam Ciamala
Social Science

Bethsaida M. Clark*
Liberal Arts

Alok Dahal***
Biological Science

Joao DePina
Liberal Arts

Harry Demosthene
Liberal Arts

Saraphina Denis
Health Careers

Tsion Taye Denkayehu***
Health Careers

Laurinda DePina*
Liberal Arts

Marie Laucy Desius*
Health Careers

Emmanuelle C. Dessalines*
Health Careers

Rachel Dorval Chatelier
Health Careers

Rose G. Dugue
Health Careers

Melissa Edouard
Health Careers

Avi'Ania Edwards
Business Administration

Caroline Nkechinyere Eke***
Health Careers

Melissa C. Erilus*
Business Administration

Doritt Yaelle Ernst***
Liberal Arts

Aderonke Patricia Fadiya*
Health Careers

Rasheed Farmer*
Business Administration

Alanna Foxx
Social Science

Stephanie NV Rowe-Francis*
Health Careers

Chrisiana Franklin*
Health Careers

Wendy Fuentes*
Health Careers

Richshelle Gabriel
Health Careers

Rochelie Germinal
Health Careers

Riju Ghosh
Liberal Arts

Sheffar Shaqai Gibbs**
Health Careers

Markia Curtrice Gooding*
Health Careers

Stacianne Goodridge**
Business Administration

Grace Janine Grandy*
Health Careers

Ashleigh-Ann Gray*
Health Careers

Fabiola Guerrier
Health Careers

Pascale Guillaume
Biological Science

Amaris Deifilia Harris***
Health Careers

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Associate of Arts

Jabril Hassan
Liberal Arts

Ariana L. Hector*
Social Science

Garland Dalino Houston IV
Business Administration

Kevesha Darshee Howard-Lee
Social Science

Sonia Howson**
Health Careers

Abdihakim Ibrahim
Liberal Arts

Wurie Jallow*
Health Careers

Nadege Jean
Health Careers

Amber Le'Chelle Johnson**
Social Science

Gina Jordan**
Social Science

Jessica Joseph*
Business Administration

Marc Gregor Joseph*
Health Careers

Kayla Denise Kelley*
Business Administration

Nyingesie Elizabeth Patrice Kinkoue-Poufong
Liberal Arts

Utela LaFrance
Health Careers

David Benjamin Laurel
Biological Science

Clyde D. Lewis*
Business Administration

Joan-Linnette Linton*
Business Administration

Loren Lorenzo
Liberal Arts

Andriy Luts*
Biological Science

Shawnte Lymon
Health Careers

Kimberly A. Mack
Business Administration

Gabriel A. Maldonado
Business Administration

Shabrinna Jeronna Gilbert McCalpine Miller
Biological Science - Lab Animal Care

Yliana Medina*
Business Administration

Olive Catherine Rose***
Biological Science

Dolores Michel
Health Careers

Bashir Mohamed
Health Careers

Erica Morales
Health Careers

Sarah S. Morbeth
Health Careers

Jasmine Morrison
Visual Arts

Samantha Catherine Morrow**
Social Science

Anthony Hernan Mosquera*
Liberal Arts

Keith Mwesigye
Health Careers

Shirell Niles
Health Careers

Irene Barbosa Oliveira**
Biological Science

Michael Orne
Business Administration

Juliet Amen Osawaru*
Health Careers

Osaretin Osayi-Osazuwa
Business Administration

Justice Osemwegie**
Health Careers

Chante Christine Parara
Health Careers

Kyeanna Naima Parkin*
Liberal Arts

Tashia N. Patin
Health Careers

Marie Lucie Paul
Health Careers

Rody Paul*
Health Careers

Toni Jessica Paul***
Health Careers

Raziel Perez*
Biological Science

Emelyn Perez
Health Careers

Deborah Alfreda Perrington
Health Careers

Michael A. Peterson**
Liberal Arts

Marie Julie Pierre*
Health Careers

Breonna Ricole Pinkcett
Business Administration

Nicholas Pires
Liberal Arts

Delize G. Pires Rodrigues
Health Careers

Dominique Pognon-Michel**
Liberal Arts

Nakytha Porter*
Health Careers

Malcolm Powell
Social Science

Vilma Ioleen Reid***
Business Administration

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Health Careers

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Casaira Elizabeth Rodriguez*
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Associate of Arts

Patricia Ann Ruffin*
Social Science

Bintu Mabaindu Samah**
Health Careers

Madeline Sanabria
Social Science

Tasia Monique Shaw
Liberal Arts

Samantha Pina*
Liberal Arts

Janae Delyssa Shelton
Health Careers

Shalaine Tracy Shortall
Social Science

Magalie Simon*
Business Administration

Jessica Lillian Smith
Health Careers

Raquel Snow*
Liberal Arts

Jessica St. Hilaire*
Health Careers

Gabriela Tarantini**
Biological Science

Errieana Tejada*
Liberal Arts

Ticoya S. Toney*
Health Careers

Najia Tucker-Murphy
Social Science

Brittany La'Raye Turner*
Liberal Arts

Troy Alan Turner
Liberal Arts

Radiesha Vassell
Social Science

Marie M. Vertus
Health Careers

Wanambwa William Mwisaaka*
Health Careers

Taylor West*
Health Careers

Ivanna Williams
Broadcast Media Technology

Ashley Nicole Witherspoon*
Health Careers

Ivylyn M. Worrell*
Health Careers

Kennysha Rochelle Wrencher*
Health Careers

Jennifer Yee***
Health Careers

Moses Yiga
Health Careers

Dongjun Yoo
Biological Science

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Associate of Science

Oladoyin Motunrayo Alabi*
Nursing

Donatello Alvarado
Criminal Justice

Ana Becsabel Amador
Business Management

Tracey Azor*
Criminal Justice

Patricia Baker*
Early Childhood Education

Agnes N. Bartuah*
Early Childhood Education

Zhade' Juanita Belcher**
Criminal Justice

Tasha Tawanda Billingslea
Early Childhood Education

Alyssa Caroline Bonny**
Early Childhood Education

El Houcine Bouya*
Radiologic Technology

Carla Patricia Braga*
Nursing

Joecilena D. Brandao*
Nursing

Deaundra Broglin
Early Childhood Education

Natasha Brown
Nursing

Yolanda Brown*
Early Childhood Education

Victoria P. Bullard
Criminal Justice

Vivian Valentina Cabral*
Early Childhood Education

Deirdre Helen Cahill*
Radiologic Technology

Christiana Chandler*
Nursing

Zoe Chang
Engineering

Iphigenie Danjour***
Early Childhood Education

Marilee Colon**
Radiologic Technology

Jennifer F. Correa Portes*
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DaLisa Elaine Costa*
Early Childhood Education

Omar Daoud*
Network Administration

Aires Euclides Do Canto
Information System Technology

Stanislas Domercant***
Web Technologies

Sherresa M. Downing*
Nursing

Jameesa R. Dumas**
Criminal Justice

Israel Junior Feliciano**
Criminal Justice

Nicole Tia Gentle
Early Childhood Education

Kiandrah Good-Eccles
Business Management

Habtom Kidane Habtegergis
Biotechnology

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Criminal Justice

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Engineering

Amen Amenze Ima-Idubor
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

Angel L. Johnson*
Criminal Justice

LaCora Jones
Business Management

Donaldo Joseph*
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Bukuola O. Kekeke
Early Childhood Education

Carmene Laguerre*
Early Childhood Education

Angela Lawrence*
Early Childhood Education

Shelly Lee*
Nursing

Kershalee A. Levy
Criminal Justice

Nardia Kaye Lilly**
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Regine Louis***
Early Childhood Education

Hantz Clifford Marcelin*
Criminal Justice

Johny Marcelin**
Information System Technology

Breyanna Martin Robinson
Early Childhood Education

Rasheedah Yasmeen Mathis**
Early Childhood Education

Annette Cicilia McCollin*
Criminal Justice

Kadija N. McIntosh
Criminal Justice

Jade Moore*
Criminal Justice

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Early Childhood Education

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Associate of Science

Emmanuel P. Ogbu*
Information System Technology

Ooreofejesuni Oluwadara
Business Management

Osaretin Osayi-Osazuwa
Business Management

Dranaya A. Owens
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Lydia Pierre
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Chavely Rijo Figueroa**
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Gina Maribel Ruiz*
Nursing

Jonathan Skinner*
Nursing

Victoria E. Smith***
Radiologic Technology

Katelyn May Starkey*
Nursing

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Business Management

Chantelly Washington**
Early Childhood Education

D'mitra Shantel Y'avorie Weathers
Criminal Justice

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Akeirah S. Woodard
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Certificates

Ouma D. Autar
Paralegal Studies

Omar Daoud*
Computer Network Administration

Aires Euclides Do Canto
Information System Technology

Stanislas Domercant***
Web Technologies Certificate

Yorly Dorilas
Biotechnology/ Biomanufacturing

Diana Mai***
Accounting Certificate

Johny Marcelin**
Information System Technology

Emmanuel P. Ogbu*
Information System Technology

Jessica Yvette Rodriguez
Paralegal Studies

Kevin M. Vixama*
Information System Technology

Devante Daniel Volson*
Information System Technology

Jeniel Janel Williams*
Accounting

K.E.E. Program

Christopher Marseille

Jonathan Marseille

Jamilah Monroe

Scholarships & Awards

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor, combined with leadership and service beyond the classroom. PTK sponsors All State Academic Team recognition programs in 38 states.

Phi Theta Kappa All Massachusetts Teams 2019

- *Gabriela Tarantini*
- *Samantha Morrow*

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Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns and hoods of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages when they were common dress for scholars. The Bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The Master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long square sleeves. The Doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels and has three velvet bars on the bell shaped sleeves.

The hood provides the color, contrast and symbolism of the procession. Certain colors became associated with particular areas of knowledge. For example, the hood border worn by a doctor of theology was red, a color associated with the Catholic Church; a medical doctor wore a green border, which relates to the healing powers of medicinal herbs. Regalia may also pay respect to the colors of the college or university from which the scholar graduated.

Departmental Colors of Faculty Members' Hoods & Tassels

Accounting	Drab
Arts, Humanities	White
Business	Drab
Communications	Crimson
Criminal Justice	Midnight Blue
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Mathematics	Science Gold
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Psychology	Gold
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

Roxbury Community College

Your Future is Our Focus

Roxbury Community College has persevered in providing access to higher education since 1973. Roxbury Community College's dedicated faculty, staff, and administration served the educational needs of students who did not have equal opportunities for an affordable, high quality college education. The greater Roxbury community was essential in advocating for a permanent home for the College. In the Spring of 1988, the current RCC campus was constructed as the cornerstone of the Southwest Corridor in lower Roxbury.

Roxbury Community College has grown over the years serving more students with relevant degree and certificate programs. Major renovations began in 2016 with the goal of improving learning spaces and establishing sustainable use of resources. The fifteen-acre campus includes state-of-the-art upgrades to the Media Arts Building, Academic Building, Science Laboratories, Health Sciences Simulation Center, Student Commons, Library, Academic Support Center, and the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. Parking lot renovations were coordinated with the award-winning installation of geothermal wells that heat and cool the campus, and solar panels that produce electricity for the College and the city.

A global village, Roxbury Community College's multicultural and ethnically diverse student population has set it apart from other community colleges in the Commonwealth. Although most of our students are from Boston and surrounding communities, many come from all over the world: North America, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Caribbean.

With renewed commitment, Roxbury Community College continues its legacy of providing educational opportunities for all who enter its doors.

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Thank you to all our faculty and staff
who worked countless hours to make this
44th Annual Commencement possible.
Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

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